
Title: The Falsity Of Virtue

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For centuries Umbra has
ever been the target of
disdain from its brother
city, Luna. Those to the
North and West of us
have come to ascribe to
us all manner of things
evil. This, my brethren, is
their mistake. They are,
for lack of a better
term, unenlightened.
History is lost to them.

You see, long before
Molly and the Court of
Light came to this land,
long before the wars
were waged on us by the
wretched paladins of Luna,
all of Malas was peaceful.
There were no Virtues in
this facet.

At the moment that our
moongates were connected
to those of Lord
British's contemptuous
Virtue-sworn, that is the
moment Malas lost it's
unique identity. It became
nothing more than prime
real estate and
commercialism.

The Virtuous of Trammel
brought with them a
plague, that these lands
still suffer and rot from.
Virtue.

Lord British's methods of
control are absolute, at
best, One can hardly fail
to credit his logic. After
all, what better way to
control the masses, than
by causing them to think
that what they do is

Right, that it is Just.

But, they are hardly
right, and seldom, if ever
just.

The Virtues are a fraud!
A great hoax perpetrated
by Lord British for two
main reasons.

One, to impose an easily
maintained system of
right and wrong, to
better control the
masses. What better way
to control someone than
to instill feelings of guilt,
if they do something
considered "Unvirtuous"?
The easiest way to
maintain control is to
instill self-control in your
followers. In this, Lord
British proves he is a
wise, if tyrannical
founder.

Two, the theory that
when all the people in all
the shards are virtuous,
the shards shall rejoin,
and heal the damaged
Gem of Immortality
shattered by the
Stranger. In the book,
"My Book", by acclaimed
and recognized author,
Sherry the Mouse, the
Timelord comes to Lord
British. He says to him
the following:

"But not to here. When
the Gem was shattered, a
thousand shards were
scattered across the
dimensions, and in each
shard there is a perfect
likeness of this world.
And thou dost live upon
one such shard, for thou
art not of the true
world-thou art merely a
reflection.

My task is to heal this
shattered world, Lord

British, and I seek to
enlist thee in my cause.
Be warned that in this
case, healing carries with
it a terrible price.

A shard of a universe is
a powerful thing, and
universe shattered is
always in danger from
the powers of darkness.
Already three shards
were turned to evil, and
sent to plague the
original universe in the
form of Shadowlords.
Many times have I
brought the Stranger
back to Britannia, to
preserve it from its own
folly or from outside
dangers. Yet as long as
the world remaineth in
pieces, it remaineth
vulnerable. We must bring
the shards into harmony,
so that they resonate in
such a manner that
matches the original
universe. Then the two
universes shall merge, and
be again as one.

Indeed, the reflections
shall become one with the
original. Thou wouldst
cease to be as thou art,
and become part of the
larger you. Thou shalt not
die; however, uncounted
generations have passed
and borne children since
that day, and they have
no counterparts. They
would perish utterly.

Tis for the greater good.
Aid the nobility that
resideth in human heart.
Protect the Virtues that
so recently came to thee
in thought late at night.
They are the Virtues of
life, as your counterpart
understands them to be.
For when thy populace
doth live and breathe
these Virtues shall it

match the true Britannia,
and thy shard shall rejoin
with it."

And thus did the Timelord
sway Lord British into
further lusts for power,
by tempting him with a
whole and completed Gem
of Immortality. Such
greed has never been
seen before. Not even
Mondain organized such
mass death to acquire
the Gem.

And so, did these Virtues
make their way to our
land of Malas. They took
residence in Luna, and
spread south, to our
neighbors in Sanctus. But,
they will never reach
Umbra. We, alone, seem
strong enough to resist
the hypocrisy of such a
code.

I entreat to you all, take
up the anti-virtues, take
up chaos, take up
anything you can that will
oppose the Virtues. For
tis only then we can
ensure our survival.